



Joel Thomas Niedfeldt

October 18, 1977 - November 20, 2022

Joel Thomas Niedfeldt, 45, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, died Sunday, November 20, 2022, in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

He was born on October 18, 1977, in Fond du Lac, the son of Thomas and Linda Jane Schaller Niedfeldt. Joel Thomas Niedfeldt was baptized into the Christian faith at Faith Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, WI. He attended Faith Lutheran School, kindergarten through grade eight, and then Winnebago Lutheran Academy, graduating in 1996 as class president and valedictorian. During his junior year at WLA, Joel served one semester in Washington, DC, working as a page in the House of Representatives and attending Page School in the attic of the Library of Congress. A two-week exchange program in Germany heightened Joel's interest in international fields and travel. In the fall of 1996, Joel returned to the DC area to attend Georgetown University, graduating four years later with a degree in computer science. Joel resided in New York City and worked in several computer-related fields, but found most satisfaction in being self-employed, setting up intricate websites for colleges, industries, and charities. Joel's sense of adventure took him to many places around the globe, including helping a charity in Africa, skiing in Japan, and exploring France. Because Joel could work wherever there was high speed internet, he sometimes escaped the NYC winters for Argentina and in the last four years has lived in Sao Paulo, Brazil. People were drawn to Joel's quick wit, curious mind, and generous heart and he leaves behind friends in many places, including special friend, Fernando. Joel is survived by his parents,

Tom and Janie Niedfeldt; siblings, Ben (Sara) Niedfeldt, Caleb (Jill) Niedfeldt, and Carla (Dan) Jahnke; and nieces/nephews, Avery, Alix, Livie, Bryce, Graham, and Abby.

A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held for Joel at Hotel Retlaw – Lake Room, One North Main Street, Fond du Lac, on December 22, 4-8 p.m., with words of comfort and time for stories at 6 p.m. Burial has taken place in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Memorials will be given to the Central Africa Medical Mission unless otherwise specified.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

DEC **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hotel Retlaw
1 North Main Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Words of Comfort and a time for stories will take place at 6:00 PM

Tribute Wall

RD

“ Hello, my condolences. I was recently in the state of Maranhão in Brazil where I met a person who told me that Joel had acquired land there. the person who sold it would like to contact the family to let them know about this.

Raphael Delman - April 12, 2023 at 09:57 AM

DL

“ To Joel's family and loved ones, I want to offer my deepest condolences for your loss. Joel was a highly valued member of the A. Team community in which he worked over the past couple years. Joel worked with clients across a variety of sectors, helping them solve some of their most complex challenges with his amazing development expertise and leadership. He was widely celebrated by all who worked with him, not only for his technical abilities but his propensity to instantly impact organizations with his infectious personality, tenacity and desire to help others. He was never interested in short-term fixes and always left those he worked with in a better position than he found them. He was of immense help to the broader community- always ready to answer questions and provide guidance even when there was nothing in it for himself. He will be sorely missed by the A. Team community. Please reach out to me at davidlevin@a.team if you'd like to get in touch.

David Levin - March 03, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joel Thomas Niedfeldt.



December 19, 2022 at 04:52 PM

DF

“ *David & Debbie Shafer & family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Joel Thomas Niedfeldt.*



David & Debbie Shafer & family - December 17, 2022 at 09:35 AM

SE

“ *I'm a friend of Joel's. I wanted to offer my condolences to his family for this loss which has saddened us all. As a father, I can only imagine the pain of losing a child. Joel was intelligent, accomplished, and his grin could light up a room. The obituary captures so much of Joel. But I do want to insist on one important falsehood which would have mattered to Joel. Fernando, described in this obituary as a "special friend" was in fact his legal spouse. Joel suffered from his family's refusal to accept him as a gay man. In death, he should be remembered as he was, not have this central relationship and fact about him denied as it was in life.*

Sebastian - December 14, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Thomas Niedfeldt.*



December 14, 2022 at 05:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joel Thomas Niedfeldt.*



December 14, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ *Dear Janie and Tom, We were so very shocked to learn of your son's passing. We send our sincere sympathy and love to you and your family. May you feel God's Peace in your hearts. God Bless you all. Love, Doug and Joei Zimmerman*



Doug & Joei Zimmerman - December 14, 2022 at 08:37 AM



My deepest sympathies to you and your family Mr. Niedfeldt. The Lord bless you and keep you in your time of grief.

*Sincerely,
Sue Eilertson Miller West Bend, class of 1978*

Sue Miller (Eilertson) - December 14, 2022 at 01:32 PM